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Dear Sir:

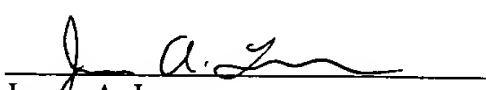
In response to the office action mailed August 26, 2002, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-23 and 29-42 drawn to a masonry block and a method of making a block, with traverse. Applicants do not necessarily agree with, and do not wish to be bound by, the Examiner's reasoning for requiring restriction.

Examination is requested. Any questions concerning this paper can be directed to the attention of the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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